

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A tire ~~Tyre~~ treads ~~tread~~ obtained by vulcanizing the an elastomeric composition ~~compositions according to claims 1 to 14~~, with sulfur and/or sulfur donors in the presence of accelerators and ~~vulcanization additives~~, at a temperature of between 130 and 180° C, wherein said elastomeric composition comprises:

a) 100 parts by weight of an elastomeric mixture comprising  
(1) from 20 to 100% by weight, of an elastomer derived from the polymerization of a monovinylarene with a conjugated diene, and  
(2) from 0-80% by weight of an elastomer selected from the group consisting of natural rubber, a polybutadiene and diolefin elastomer other than the monovinylarene-conjugated diene elastomer of (1) or the natural rubber or polybutadiene of (2);  
wherein the elastomer component (1) is derived from the polymerization of a monovinylarene with a conjugated diene having an epoxidation degree of between 0.7 and 8%;  
b) from 10 to 150 parts by weight of silica per 100 parts by weight of (a);  
c) from 0 to 150 parts by weight of carbon black per 100 parts by weight of (a);  
and wherein elastomer component (1) in said elastomeric mixture (a) has an epoxidation degree, defined by the number of moles of epoxidated double bonds with respect to the initial number of moles of diene double bonds, of between 0.7 and 8.0%,  
said tire tread not containing a silane as a compatibilizing agent.

Claim 16 (Original): Treads according to Claim 15, characterized in that the vulcanization is carried out at a temperature of between 140 and 170°C.

Claim 17 (New) A tire tread consisting essentially of:

a) 100 parts by weight of an elastomeric mixture comprising

(1) from 20 to 100% by weight, of an elastomer derived from the polymerization of a monovinylarene with a conjugated diene, and  
(2) from 0-80% by weight of an elastomer selected from the group consisting of natural rubber, a polybutadiene and diolefin elastomer other than the monovinylarene-conjugated diene elastomer of (1) or the natural rubber or polybutadiene of (2);

wherein the elastomer component (1) is derived from the polymerization of a monovinylarene with a conjugated diene having an epoxidation degree, defined by the number of moles of epoxidated double bonds with respect to the initial number of moles of diene double bonds, of between 0.7 and 8%;

b) from 10 to 150 parts by weight of silica per 100 parts by weight of (a);  
c) from 0 to 150 parts by weight of carbon black per 100 parts by weight of (a);  
and wherein said elastomeric composition is vulcanized with sulfur, a sulfur donor, or a mixture thereof in the presence of an accelerator, at a temperature between 130 and 180°C, said tire tread not containing a silane as a compatibilizing agent.

Claim 18 (New): The tire tread according to Claim 17, wherein the vulcanization is carried out at a temperature between 140 and 170°C.

Claim 19 (New): The tire tread according to Claim 15, wherein said silica has a BET surface of between 100 and 250 m<sup>2</sup>/g, a CTAB surface of between 100 and 250 m<sup>2</sup>/g and an oil absorption between 150 and 250 ml/100 g.

Claim 20 (New) The tire tread according to Claim 15, wherein elastomer (1) in said elastomeric mixture has an epoxidation degree of between 1.5 and 6.0%.

Claim 21 (New) The tire tread according to Claim 17, wherein elastomer (1) in said elastomeric mixture has an epoxidation degree of between 1.5 and 6.0%.

Claim 22 (New): The tire tread according to Claim 15, wherein said elastomeric composition comprises 2 to 50 parts by weight of carbon black per 100 parts by weight of (a).